

Town of Norlina
Regular board meeting
Minutes August 3rd, 2026
Norlina Town Hall- 139 Hyco St.

Board members present- Mayor Wayne Aycock, Commissioner Denny Burrows, Commissioner Claude O'Hagan, Commissioner Charles Smiley, Commissioner Shrounda Douglas-Riddick, Commissioner Tyrone Simes

Director of Operations, Blaine Reese

Town Clerk, Greg Loyd

Town Attorney, Robert May

Call to order

Mayor Wayne Aycock called the regular town board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Charles Smiley, followed by a moment of silence.

Robin Jackson, Head of School, Warren YES, gave presentation of new Charter School opening in Norlina and ribbon cutting on August 18th.

Citizen Comments

Jonathon Aycock reported on activities at Hyco and Center St.

Deloris Jerman reported the NAACP's Freedom Fund Banquet will be held August 29th.

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Hagan to accept the regular meeting minutes for July as presented, seconded by Commissioner Simes; motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

Commissioner Simes reported that there was no COG meeting

Departmental Reports

Finance Commissioner- Charles Smiley: Reported the Town has been released from the Unit Assistance List (UAL) which tracks local governments and public authorities that need extra financial oversight.

Police- Commissioner Burrows: Mayor Aycock reported there were approximately 30 calls for the month of July.

Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Shrounda Douglas-Riddick: Reported applications for the Appearance Committee are active. Also reported efforts to beautify the overpass. Raised concerns of vacant lots and properties. Warren County Schools and Alumni Organization hosting Homecoming Activities September 17th-20th. Reported there may be increase in traffic. Reported increase in marketing and new signs going up. Reported increased WC Police presence.

Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan:

Zoning- Commissioner Simes: Tractor Supply is on track to open in the Fall.

Old Business:

Blaine Reese reported efforts are being made to clean up the Hyco/Center St area. He urged residents to call "911". There needs to be a record of unlawful events. Reported inventory of evidence and firearms in police safe has been completed and Warren County Police contract should be finalized soon.

Greg Loyd reported donation to WC Sheriff's Department for their Back to School Event was completed and donation box is in Town Hall.

New Business:

Blaine Reese reported the Unified Development Ordinance needs to be updated that goes along with the Appearance Committee. He reported there needs to be emphasis on the overlay Downtown District. He presented the Appearance Committee application formed and explained its parts. Commissioner Smiley suggested deadline of 2 months. Blaine reported updating signs around the Town.

Greg reported that the Town was invited to NCDOT 2026 Passenger Rail Day, Raleigh and emailed Board regarding upcoming Kerr Tar event.

Blaine reported updated version of Unified Development Ordinance and there needs to be a Board Workshop Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Simes to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Douglas-Riddick; all were in favor of adjourning.